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Gaylene Zier, Lincoln sophomore, stops to gather information at a table set up for Career Day in April in the gym.



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Simone Perkins, Baton Rouge, La., sophomore, a member of the national championship cross country team, runs against a Garden City runner during a meet early in the year. (Photo by Jill Pierson)

Cross Country



Members of the national champion women's cross country team include Janice Turner, Litchfield District, Jamaica, freshman; Inez Turner, Litchfield District, Jamaica, freshman; Tahanee Odom, Duncanville, Texas sophomore; Karen Bennett, Sligoville, Jamaica, sophomore; Mardrea Hyman, Wood Hall, Jamaica, sophomore and Simone Perkins, Baton Rouge, La., sophomore.



Members of the men's cross country team placing fifth in the national meet include: Front: Ramon Lacey, Alton, Ill., sophomore; and Daniel Tuigong, Eldoret, Kenya, freshman. Middle: Chris Ellis, Chicago freshman; Tim Trantham, Macksville freshman; Richard Kosgei, Kapsabet, Kenya, freshman; Lamont Leach, Kingston, Jamaica, sophomore; Ron Clemmons, Kansas City freshman. Back: Wilson Koech, Kapsabet, Kenya, sophomore; Eric Logan, East St. Louis, Ill., sophomore; and Ryan Kaberline, Topeka freshman.

Members of the cross country team Lamont Leach, Kingston, Jamaica, sophomore, and Richard Kosgei, Kapsabet, Kenya, freshman, discuss their running techniques after a practice in the early fall. Kosegi holds this year's national individual NJCAA cross country title with a time of 23:57. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



Women win national cross country title

Turner, Kosgei take individual championships

We did it again. Barton Community College has come away from the NJCAA cross country meet for the third time in as many years with the women's national championship.

In addition to this honor BCCC also came away with two individual championships. Janice Turner, Litchfield District, Jamaica, freshman, won the women's division in a school record time of 17:09 and Richard Kosgei, Kapsabet, Kenya, freshman, came away with the men's title in a time of 23:57.

It is the first time any NJCAA college has had individual champions in both the men's

and the women's divisions.

For the third year in a row, Head Coach Randy Cole was named "NJCAA Women's Coach of the Year." This is the fourth time he has won this honor in his seven-year career at BCCC.

BCCC women powered their way to the championship by taking the first three places in the race. Close behind Turner, Mardrea Hyman, Wood Hall, Jamaica, sophomore, came in second in 17:33 and Inez Turner, Litchfield District, Jamaica, freshman, came in third in her personal best time of 18:00. Karen Bennett, Sligoville, Jamaica,

sophomore, finished 11th in 18:49.

The top 25 places earned All-American honors.

Simon Perkins, Baton Rouge, La., sophomore, took 66th place in 20:43, while Tahanee Odom, Duncanville, Texas, sophomore, came in 78th in 21:59.

The women earned 71 points in the meet, edging Central Oregon, who had 72. Ricks, Idaho, came in third with 97 points.

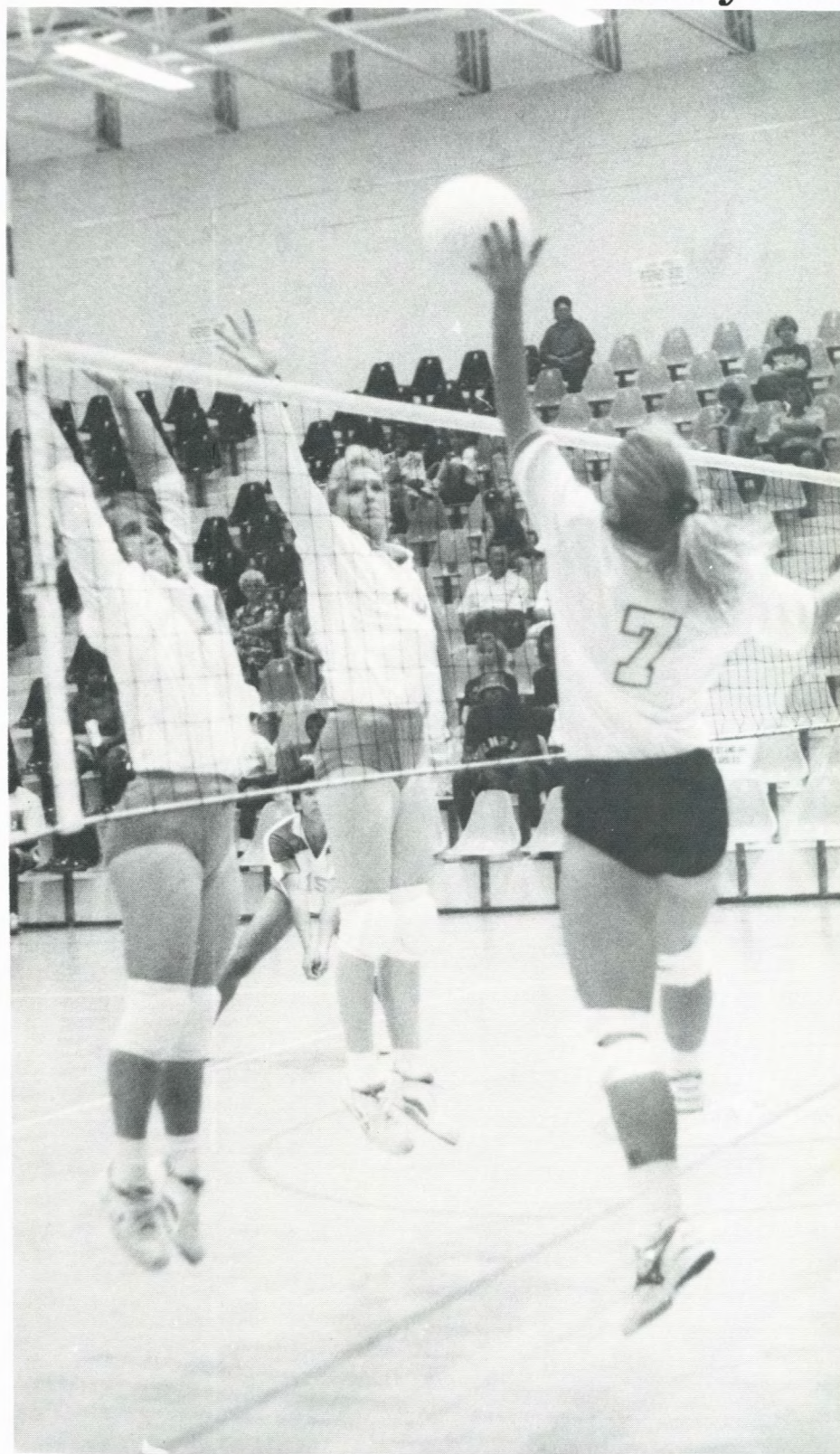
On the men's side Wilson Koech, Kapsabet, Kenya, sophomore, came in 12th in 25:07, earning All-American honors along with Kosgei.

Ramon Lacey, Alton, Ill., sophomore, came in 26th in 25:44; Chris Ellis, Chicago freshman, took 50th place in 26:58; Ron Clemons, Kansas City freshman, took 66th in 27:31; Eric Logan, E. St. Louis, Ill., sophomore took 67th in 27:33; and Tim Trantham, Macksville freshman, came in 98th in 28:50.

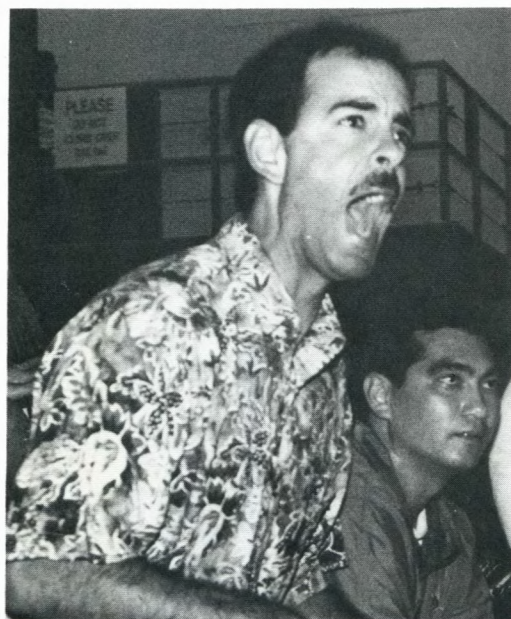
As a team, the men finished the meet in fifth place with 141 points. First place was won by Central Oregon with 46 points. Second was South Plains, Texas, with 55 points. Blinn, Texas, came in third with 88 points and Central Arizona took fourth with 135 points.



Megan Majerus, Junction City sophomore, serves the ball. She displayed her newly developed jump serve this season. (Photo by Mike Dawes)



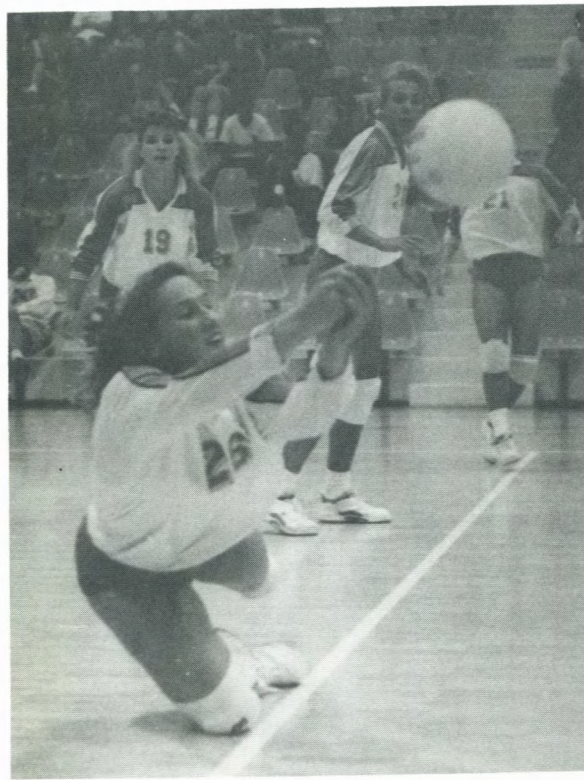
Jennifer Blosser, Overbrook sophomore, and Stacy Oberndofer, Basehor freshman, set up the block to deny the spike from the Cloud County player. (Photo by Mike Dawes)



Head Coach Ray Bechard shouts plays and encouragement to the players from the sideline. (Photo by Mike Dawes)



Members of the BCCC volleyball team are Front: Manager Tausha Webster, Larned freshman; Middle: Angela Blume, Indianola, Neb., sophomore; Melissa Graff, Doniphan, Neb., freshman; Megan Majerus, Junction City, sophomore; Tracy Bernhardt, Carbondale sophomore; Anna Knauss Halstead freshman; Carey Burton, Hill City sophomore; Jennifer Blosser Overbrook sophomore; Michelle Stirrett, Clay Center freshman; Inside car: Student Trainer Jammi Likes, Claflin freshman; Angie Elting, Derby sophomore; Back: Nicole Harris, Manhattan freshman; Michelle Gagnon, Grainfield freshman; and Stacy Oberndorfer, Basehor freshman.



Nicole Harris, Manhattan freshman, makes a diving dig to save the ball during a home match. (Photo by Mike Dawes)

Netters take fourth in national tourney

By Lynnette Wilkening

The 1992-1993 Barton County Community College volleyball team fulfilled the promise to uphold the great BCCC volleyball tradition. The Cougar women finished with a perfect conference record and a fourth place finish at the national tournament in Tempe, Ariz. The team set two national records for 59 consecutive wins and 67 consecutive home court wins.

This year's team had many members honored on both the region and national levels. Four BCCC players were named to the All Region team, on first team: Tracy Bernhardt, Carbondale sophomore, and Megan Majerus, Junction City sophomore. Second team honors went to Jennifer Blosser, Overbrook sophomore, and Michelle Stirrett, Clay Center freshman. Bernhardt also received NJCAA and AVCA first-team All American honors, and both Majerus and Anna Knauss, Halstead freshman, were named to the all-tournament team at the national competition.

Scoreboard		
BCCC		
Opponent	Wins & Losses	
Otero	2-0	
Butler	2-0	
Central-MCP	2-0	
Kansas City	2-0	
Coffeyville	2-0	
Johnson	2-0	
Cloud	2-0	
Garden City	2-0	
Fort Scott	2-0	
Mid-Plains	2-0	
Cooke County	2-0	
Fort Scott	2-0	
Cooke County	2-0	
Mid-Plains	2-0	
Dodge City	2-0	
Pratt	2-0	
East Central	2-0	
Cloud	2-1	
Butler	2-0	
Longview	2-0	
Mid-Plains	2-0	
Highland	2-0	
Johnson	2-0	
Jefferson	2-0	
Highland	2-0	
Cloud	2-1	
Eastern Wyoming	3-0	
Northeast Neb.	3-0	
Mid-Plains	3-0	
Eastern Wyoming	3-0	
Jefferson	2-1	
Schoolcraft Mich.	2-0	
Johnson	2-0	
Illinois Central	2-1	
Miami-Dade South	2-0	
Lake Michigan	2-0	
Southwest Michigan	2-0	
Butler	2-0	
Garden City	2-0	
Seward	2-0	
Hutchinson	2-0	
Friends	2-0	
Cloud	2-0	
Butler	2-0	
Garden City	2-0	
Dodge City	2-0	
Pratt	2-0	
Hutchinson	2-0	
Seward	2-0	
Colby	2-0	
Butler	2-0	
Independence	2-0	
Johnson	2-0	
Cloud	2-1	
Cloud	2-0	
Jefferson	3-0	
North Dakota SCS	3-0	
Kankakee, Ill.	3-0	
Wharton, Texas	2-1	
Utah Valley	0-2	
Kankakee, Ill.	2-0	
Eastern Arizona	1-2	



Members of the Barton County Community College baseball team include First Row: Tony Barron, Winfield freshman; Adam Sciacca, Great Bend sophomore; Ricky Powell, Great Bend sophomore; Ryan Dwyer, Wellington freshman; Jaime Varela, Garden City freshman; Chad Erway, Larned freshman; Dusty Hollingsworth, Merriam freshman; and Kaz Cunningham, Boulder, Colo., freshman. Second Row: Stewart Doyle, Billings, Mont., freshman; Brian Rodgers, Kansas City, Mo., freshman; Brian Reischmann, Wichita freshman; Rod Shea, Branson, Mo., freshman; Mike Hopper, Kansas City, Mo., freshman; Daniel Traffas, Sharon freshman; Doug Erickson, Wichita freshman; Matt Kraus, Overland Park freshman; Brian Layton, North Enid, Okla., freshman; Sergio Cedillos, Great Bend sophomore; and Trent Gash, Great Bend sophomore. Third Row: Head Coach Mike Warren; Corey Carver, Great Bend, freshman; Tom Stewart, Winfield freshman; Brandon Cartwright, Hoisington freshman; Rudy Sasina, Great Bend sophomore; Joe Bellmyer, Merriam freshman; Larry Hoeme, Preston sophomore; Matt Koeman, Grand Junction, Colo., freshman; Steve Pearce, Borger, Texas, freshman; Jason Blackburn, Grand Junction, Colo., freshman; Mike Dame, Great Bend sophomore; Brandon Traffas, Sharon sophomore; and Assistant Coach Rick Long.



Larry Hoeme, Preston freshman, pitches during the first inning against Dodge City Community College March 23. (Photo By Jennifer Stewart)

BASEBALL



Mike Dame, Aurora, Colo., watches the pitcher to decide whether he can steal the base during Barton County Community College's game against Garden City this spring.

Scoreboard		
Opponent	BCCC	Opp.
S.W. Michigan	3	2
Lake Forest	12	0
Kalamazoo	6	4
Kalamazoo	7	1
Marquette	3	0
Kalamazoo	2	3
S.W. Michigan	8	0
John Wood	8	1
Forest Park	12	0
Iowa Western	9	0
Brown Mackie	5	4
Indian Hills	2	0
S.W. Iowa	4	0
Cloud County	9	1
Colby	2	3
Colby	2	0
Butler County	12	0
Butler County	6	4
Johnson County	3	0
NEO	0	15
Allen County	2	3
Eastern Oklahoma	1	4
Hutchinson	0	1
Hutchinson	6	1
Dodge City	2	1
Dodge City	8	0
Allen County	4	0
Cloud County	1	9
Butler County	6	1
NEO	4	1
Cloud County	3	0
Dodge City	4	0
Dodge City	0	1
Butler County	4	1
Butler County	7	1
Brown Mackie	4	1
Brown Mackie	6	3
Crowder	0	2
OCU	0	15
St. Edwards	6	3
Kansas Wesleyan	2	1
OCU	0	8
Hutchinson	3	11
Hutchinson	5	8
Highland	8	0
Fort Scott	5	0
Hutchinson	5	0
Coffeyville	2	0
Johnson County	5	3



Members of the Barton County Community College softball team are Front Row: Stephanie Tribble, Topeka freshman; Jeri Lloyd, Clay Center sophomore; Michelle Wagner, Great Bend sophomore. Middle Row: Paige Jones, Great Bend, sophomore; Stephanie Hughs, Perry sophomore; Stephanie Clapham, Larned sophomore; Crystal Stebbins, Perry freshman; Tera Salmans, Hanston freshman. Back Row: Lynette Hajek, Lost Springs sophomore; Michelle Moores, Lisbon, Australia, freshman; Kim Lavy, Wichita sophomore; Stacey Gittens, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, freshman. (Photo by Mike Dawes)

Cougars head to national tourney

By Lynnette Wilkening

The 1992-93 Barton County Community College softball team fulfilled the promise of playing to the best of its abilities by winning the Region VI conference and earning the right to play in the NJCAA national softball tournament in Hutchinson.

With seven starting sophomores and a freshman pitcher who lead the nation in strikeouts, the team compiled a record of 36-13. This record was the best one since the 1988 team who also qualified for the national tournament with a record of 34-6.

According to Coach Tom Curtis his sophomores had an extremely good year and deserve this birth in the tournament. Pitcher, Michelle Moores, Brisbane, Australia, freshman, who compiled a 30-10 record, pitched most of the Cougar's games this year due to an injury sustained by the other Cougar pitcher, Stephanie Tribble, Topeka freshman.

The Cougars had four players named to the Region VI team for the 1993 season. Making first team and the top vote-getter in the conference was Moores and Stephanie Hughes, Perry sophomore. Named to the second team were Lynette Hajek, Lost Springs sophomore, and Jeri Lloyd, Clay Center sophomore.

Softball



Stacey Gittens, Calgary, Alberta, freshman, crosses home plate and helps the Cougars toward a victory. (Photo by Dick Wade)



Crystal Stebbins, Perry freshman, waits for the arrival of the next pitch. (Photo by Dick Wade)



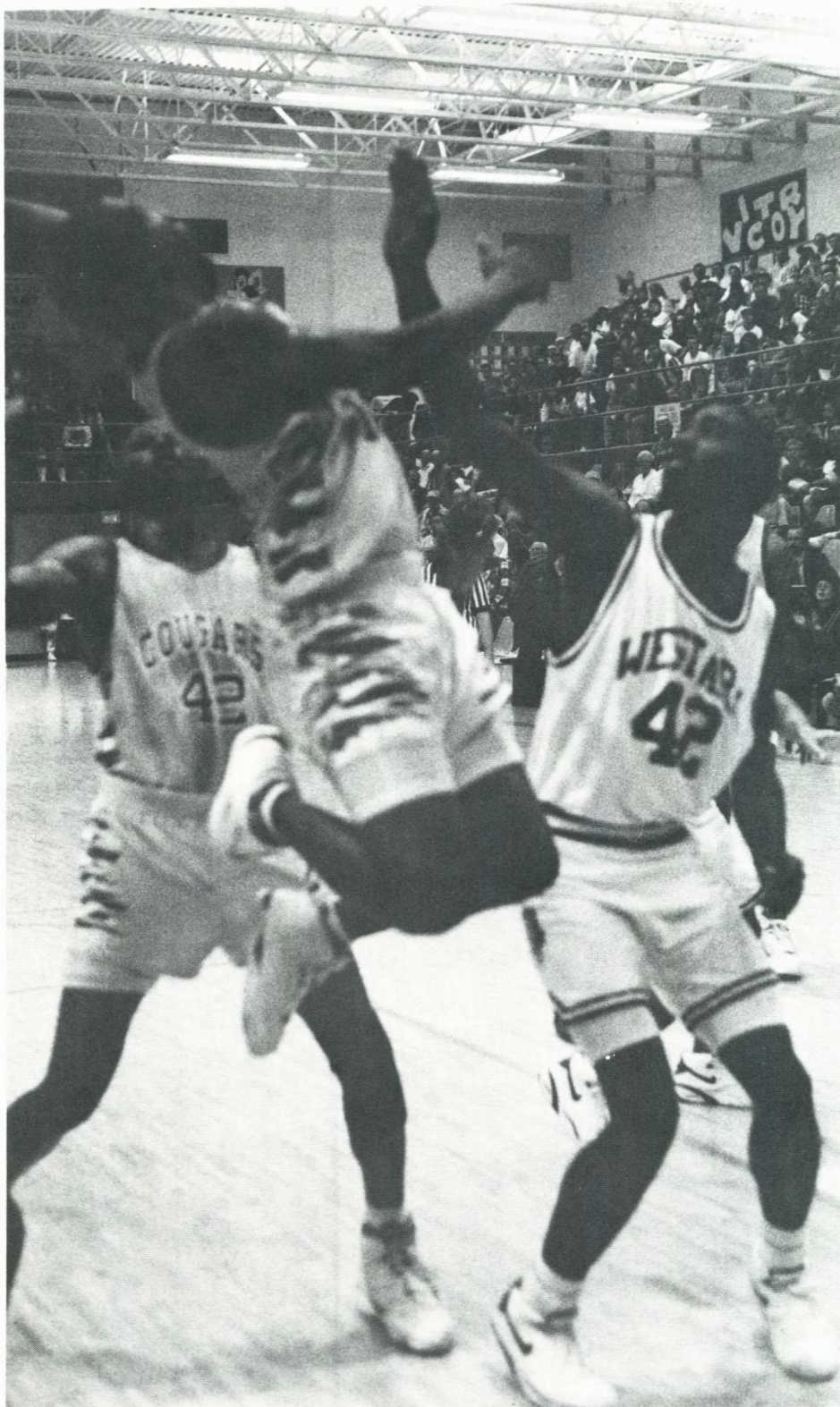
Paige Jones, Great Bend sophomore, eyes the pitcher while waiting for the pitch she wants. (Photo by Dick Wade)



Pitcher, Michelle Moores, Brisbane, Australia, freshman, releases a pitch headed for the strike zone. (Photo by Dick Wade)

Scoreboard

Opponent	BCCC/Opp.
Northeastern	87-67
Lamar	123-105
Fort Sill	88-93
Westark	84-114
McCook	107-81
Labette County	87-79
Fort Riley	91-56
Westark	72-62
Waubonsee	98-56
Allen County	88-66
Moberly	81-71
Johnson County	73-79
Cowley County	86-85
Kansas City	92-68
Highland	90-65
McCook	96-73
Spirit Express	92-79
Kansas City	108-80
Garden City	91-62
Seward County	100-74
Hutchinson	74-77
Pratt	65-48
Dodge City	93-76
Butler County	63-94
Garden City	97-76
Hutchinson	70-93
Pratt	79-67
Seward County	76-65
Dodge City	82-93
Butler County	66-93
Brown Mackie-Salina	81-67
Hutchinson	54-71



Derwin Good, Detroit sophomore, flies through the air trying to score two for the Cougar men.
(Photo by Michael Dawes)

Men's Basketball



Andre "Jabo" Davis, Kansas City freshman, stretches out to lay in the shot. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



Dwayne Jackson, Moscow, Tenn., freshman, powers up the shot and is fouled by two Westark players in the process. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



Members of the 1992-93 Cougar men's basketball team are Front Row: Josh Wilkins, Lorraine freshman; Thomas Wyatt, Aurora, Ill., sophomore; Anthony Guliford, Great Bend sophomore; Andre Burnside, Kansas City sophomore; Assistant Coach Dan O'Dowd; Head Coach Dan McGovern; Kelly Walker, Waukegan, Ill., sophomore; Trevor Rolfs, Geneseo sophomore; Derwin Good, Detroit sophomore; Brandon Rice, Hoisington freshman. Back Row: Steve Owens, Salina sophomore; Tracy Thul, Great Bend sophomore; Eric Stamps, Kansas City freshman; Craig Reynolds, Pratt freshman; Ray Hawkins, Wichita freshman; Justin Cupps, Haven freshman; Bob Ross, Larned freshman; Dwayne Jackson, Moscow, Tenn., freshman; Michael Luarks, Topeka freshman; Andre Davis, Kansas City freshman; Miti Phillips, Kansas City freshman; Eddie Norah, Gould, Ark., freshman; John McGraw, Leavenworth freshman; Jimmy Dodson, Great Bend freshman, Head Trainer Ken Henderson. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

Cougars finish third in conference

By Lynnette Wilkening

The 1992-93 Barton County Community College Men's Basketball team improved upon its preseason pick to finish fifth in the conference to an actual third place finish.

The Cougars compiled a season record of 23 wins and nine losses. They also earned the right to return to the Region VI playoffs for the seventh year in a row.

According to Coach Dan McGovern the team had no real stand outs and all played to their best potential throughout the season.

This year's team slogan was "Choose Life." The meaning of the slogan was to encourage good choices for life. Coach McGovern said he felt it was an appropriate slogan for the team since the team did well both in the classroom and on the floor.

The Cougar men had four players represent them in the All-Star game held at the BCCC gymnasium April 17, Kelly Walker, Waukegan, Ill., sophomore; Thomas Wyatt, Aurora, Ill., sophomore; Derwin Good, Detroit sophomore; and Trevor Rolfs, Geneseo sophomore, all played in the Region VI East-West All-Star game, with Good and Wyatt later returning for the Region VI vs. Region II All-Star game. Both Good and Wyatt were named All Conference players as well.

Women's Basketball

Women finish with 26-6 record

By Angela Alvord

The Barton County Community College women's basketball team provided much excitement for BCCC fans and also for the Jayhawk conference.

The team ended the season with a loss to Cowley, 84-76. A win would have tied them with Butler County Community College and Seward County Community College for the Jayhawk Conference regular season championship.

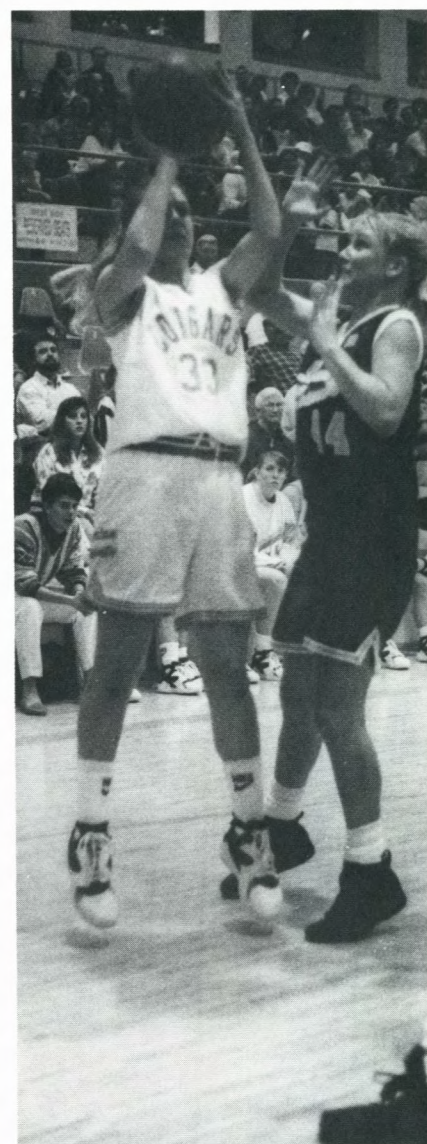
Helping the Cougar women finish with a record of 26-6 and rounding out their BCCC basketball careers were: Sandy Hoge, Larned sophomore, Brynn Markle, Lyons sophomore, Nicole Boy, Syracuse sophomore, Allison Stucky, Pretty Prairie sophomore, Heather Blue, McPherson sophomore, Regina Dill, Manhattan sophomore, and Paige Jones, Great Bend sophomore.



Members of the 1992-1993 Womens Basketball team include: First Row: Ann Peterson, Garden City freshman; Jeani Cranford, Wichita sophomore; Heather Blue, McPherson sophomore; Brynn Markle, Lyons sophomore; Paige Jones, Great Bend sophomore; Sandi McNeil, Solomon freshman; Mandy Struble, Caldwell freshman; Second Row, Nichole Boy, Syracuse sophomore; Allison Stucky, Pretty Prairie sophomore; Kim Lutgen, Beloit freshman; Third Row: Head Coach Jerry McCarty, Sandy Hoge, Larned sophomore; Corey Norman, Amarillo, Texas, freshman; Regina Dill, Manhattan sophomore; Sonja Swopes, Cleveland, Ohio, freshman; Patty Johnson, Lorraine freshman; Assistant Coach Michelle Goll.



Corey Norman, Amarillo, Texas, freshman, works the ball down the court against a tight defense. (photo by Mike Dawes)



Kim Lutgen, Beloit freshman, beats the defense to the hoop for an easy two points. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

Regina Dill, Manhattan sophomore, and Sandy Hoge, Larned sophomore, trap an Allen County basketball player.

Heather Blue, McPherson sophomore, posts up for an easy shot against a tight defense. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



Scoreboard

Opponent	BCCC Opp	
Coffeyville	71	41
Clarendon, Texas	63	49
Independence	49	72
State Fair, Mo.	79	51
Moberly, Mo.	73	75
Colby	94	60
Cloud County	93	66
Moberly, Mo.	74	65
Johnson County	57	45
Cowley County	68	61
Kansas City	96	46
Highland	98	41
Allen County	90	49
Northern Okla.	72	61
Southeast Neb.	103	45
Cloud County	74	43
Garden City	117	50
Seward County	84	86
Hutchinson	56	38
Pratt	96	47
Dodge City	90	62
Air Force Prep	101	39
Air Force JV	68	64
Butler County	58	68
Garden City	83	58
Hutchinson	72	41
Pratt	89	60
Seward	89	69
Dodge City	72	51
Butler County	70	72
Dodge City	81	52
Cowley County	76	84

Crowning highlights Homecoming, Senior Day activities

By Angie Alvord

Tahanee Odom, Ducanville, Texas, sophomore, and Shannon Ridgeway, Higgins, Texas, sophomore, were crowned Homecoming Queen and King Jan. 23 between the basketball games against Pratt Community College.

Other final candidates nominated for Homecoming royalty were Jennifer Blosser, Overbrook sophomore, Yvonne Lattimer, Lyons sophomore, Carey Burton, Hill City sophomore, Jenni Peters, Inman sophomore, Anthony Gulliford, Great Bend sophomore, Jimmy Brough, Great Bend sophomore, and Rudy Sasina, Aurora, Colo., sophomore.

Barton County Community College also sponsored the annual High School Senior Day Jan. 23 in the Student Union. This included campus tours, departmental presentations, registration, and assessment testing.

During the day prospective students experienced a bit of the college life while attending Senior Day activities.

The BCCC cheerleading squad and BCCC admissions staff welcomed students and had a drawing for door prizes. The Hilltop Singers also performed in the Student Union. All parents and students were invited to dinner and basketball games. A dance in the Union rounded out the busy weekend schedule.

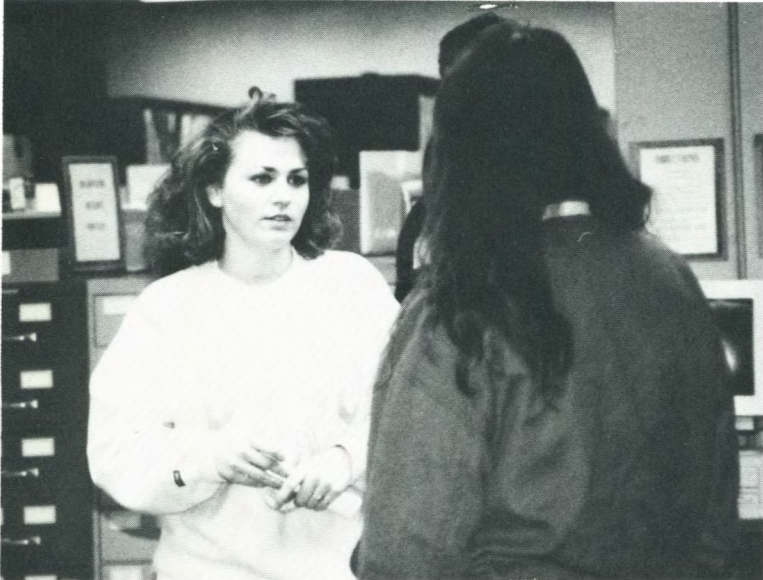
Homecoming is an important part of college life. It not only represents celebration for students who already attend BCCC, but it also represents a foundation for incoming students.



Tahanee Odom, Duncanville, Texas, sophomore, and Shannon Ridgeway, Higgins, Texas, sophomore are congratulated on their coronation. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



Hilltop Singers welcome visiting seniors and their parents. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

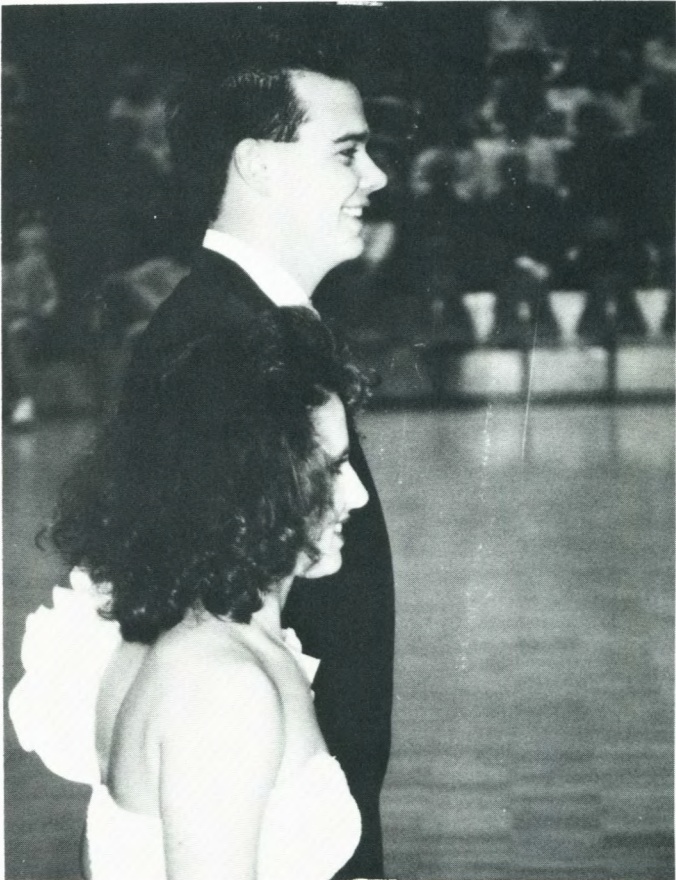


Stacey Prosser, McPherson sophomore, talks to a senior about BCCC. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



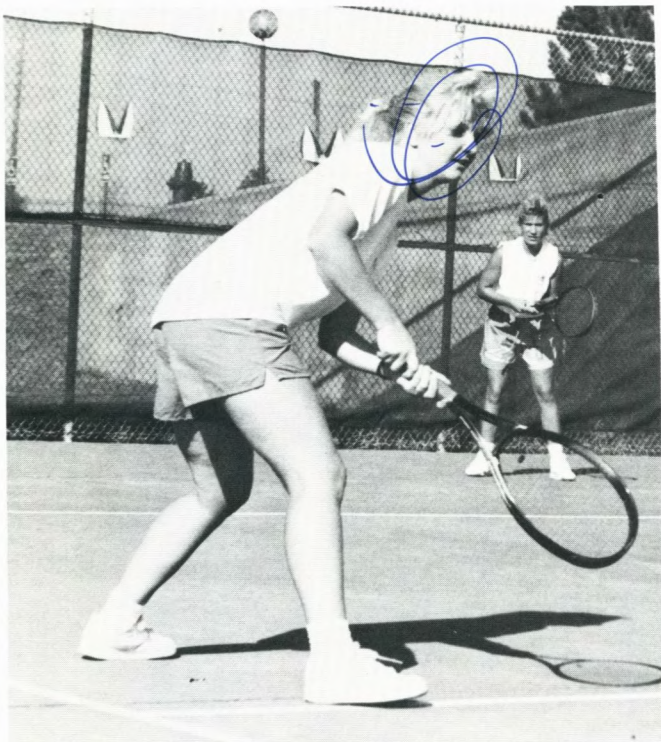
BCCC Cheerleading squad entertains seniors and their parents on the annual Senior Day. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

Tahanee Odom, Duncanville, Texas, sophomore and Eric Haselhorst, Great Bend sophomore, wait their turn to come on the court. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

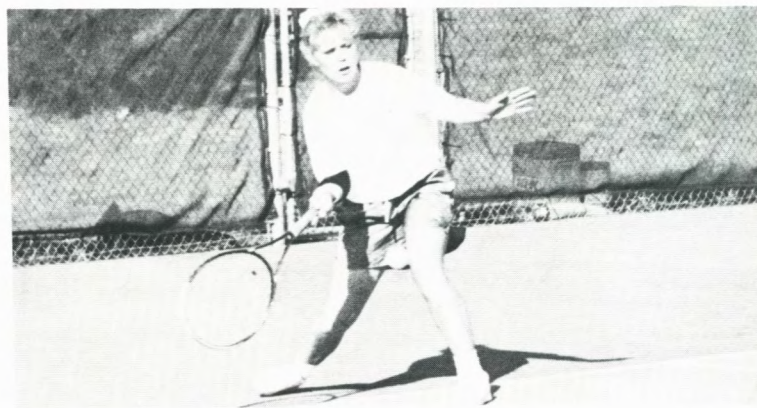


Shannon Ridgeway, Higgins, Texas, sophomore and Jenni Peters, Inman sophomore wait for the results of King and Queen contest. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

Tennis



Shanna Konvalin, Lyons freshman, and Kristin Reichuber, Larned freshman, team up in doubles competition. (Photo by Michael Dawes)



Amanda Hatcher, Ellinwood freshman, scoops the ball to make a save. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

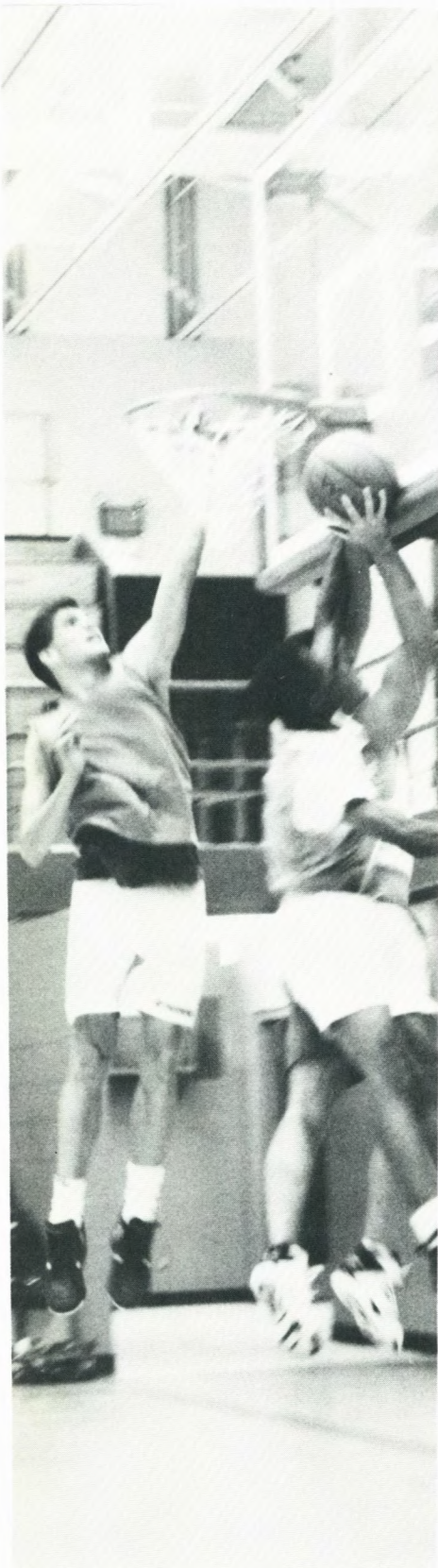


Kristin Reichuber, Larned freshman, works on her serve to overcome her opponents. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

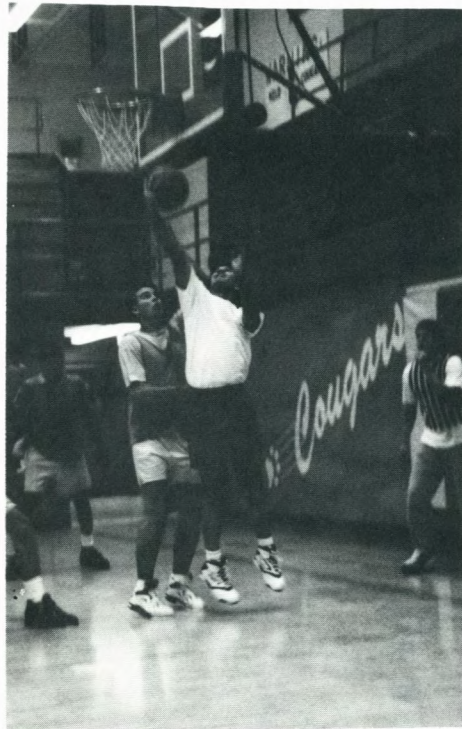


Tennis team members for this year include: Front Row: Jennifer Rhoades, Wakeeney freshman, Corey Norman, Amarillo, Texas, freshman, Amanda Hatcher, Ellinwood freshman, Lanell Blubaugh, McPherson freshman. Back Row: Coach Curtis Thompson, Kristin Reichuber, Larned freshman, Brynn Markle, Lyons sophomore, Traci Atteberry, Claflin sophomore, and Shanna Konvalin, Lyons freshman. (Photo by Michael Dawes)

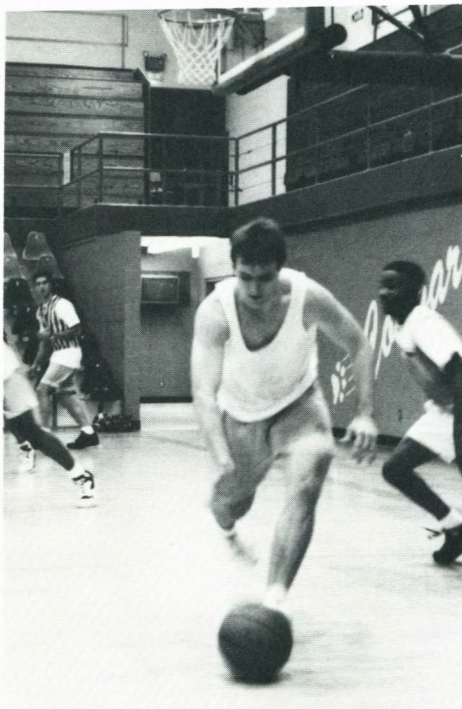
Intramurals



Ryan Kaberline, Topeka freshman, attempts to block a shot off the backboard during intramurals basketball. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



Shannon Ridgway, Higgins, Texas, sophomore, stands up straight, in order not to foul his opponent, during an attempt to block the shot. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



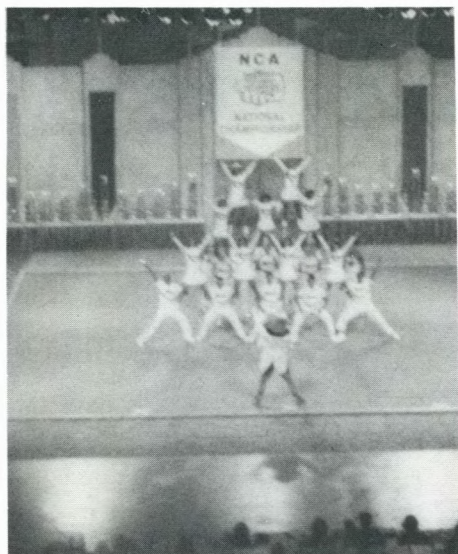
Kevin Norton, McPherson sophomore, runs to save the ball from going out of bounds. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



Eric Stamps, Topeka freshman, protects the ball while looking for someone to come and help him out. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



John Clayborn, Winston-Salem, N.C., sophomore, holds on to his follow through while watching to see if his shot falls. (Photo by Jill Pierson)



During national competition, the cheerleaders stick one of their many pyramids performed throughout their routine. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)

Cheerleaders, danceline place at nationals

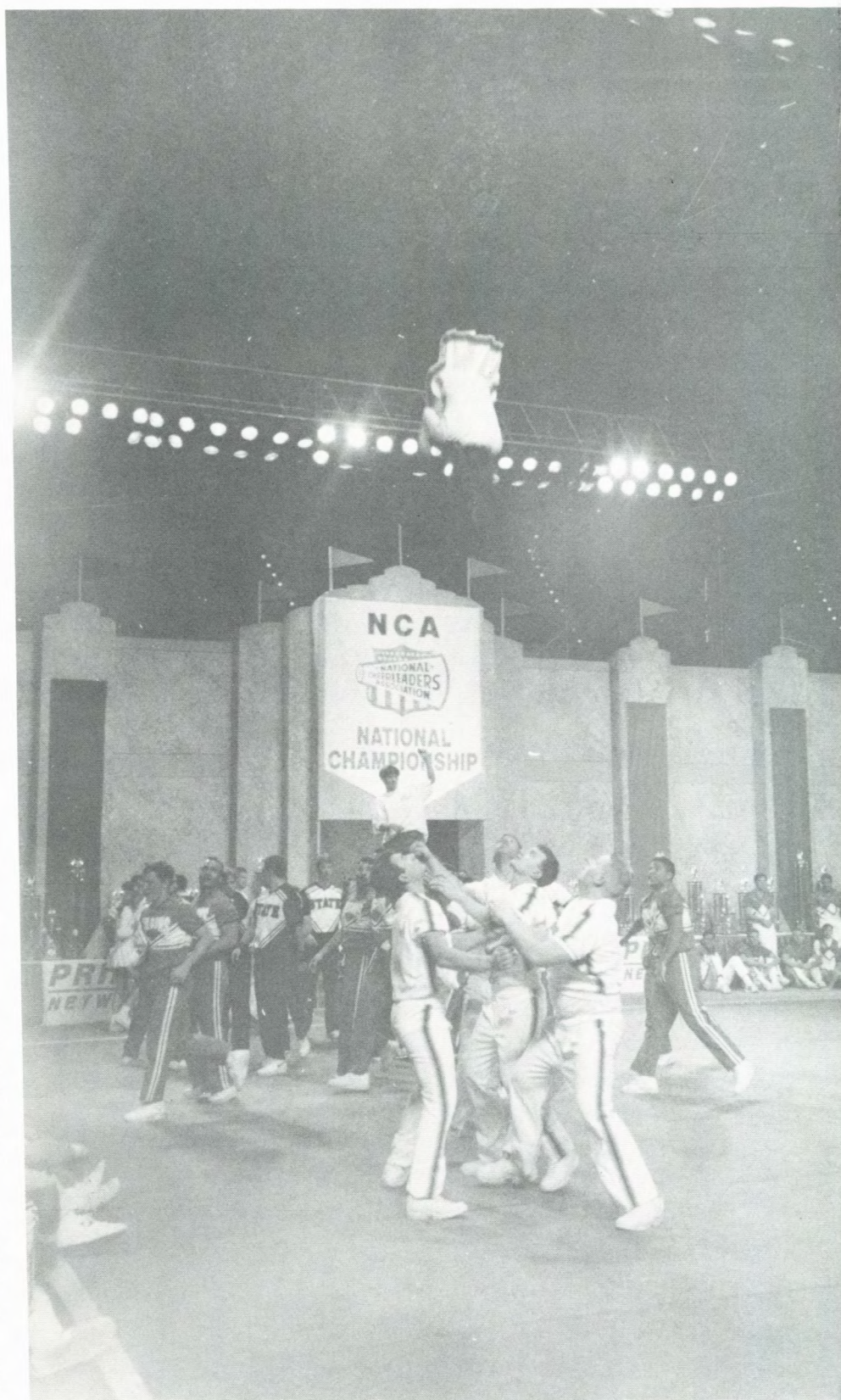
By Lynnette Wilkening

The Barton County Community College Cheerleaders and Danceline attended the NCA National Championship in Dallas January 2-7.

Each Cougar team made the finals round in competition.

This year Jason Manrose, Topeka freshman, and Jennifer Kaul, Junction City freshman, competed in the partner stunt competition, something never done by the BCCC cheerleading squad before. The two finished sixth over all.

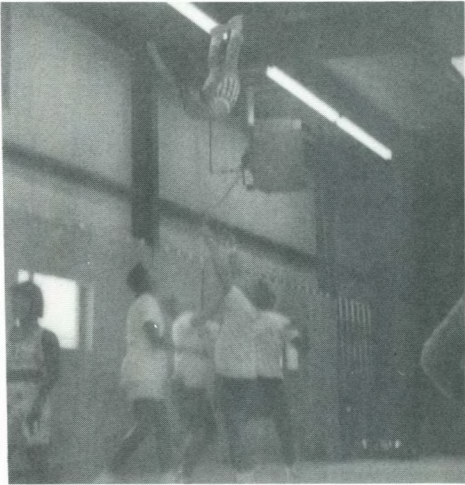
The cheerleaders finished seventh in the national competition. The danceline finished in eighth place in a extremely competitive field where only 12 points separated them from first place.



Caleb Acree, Washington freshman, Kevin Norton, McPherson sophomore, Chad Arthur, Topeka freshman, and Jeremy Kail, Great Bend sophomore await the return of Jennifer Kaul, Junction City freshman, from her back tuck. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)



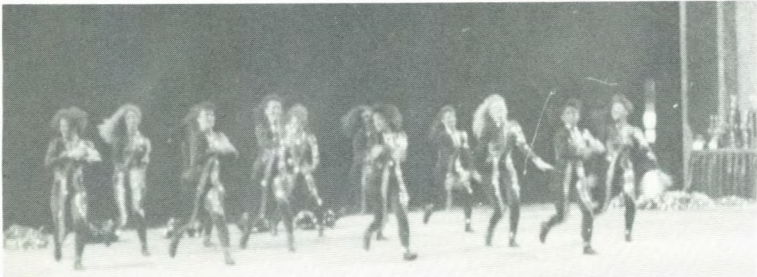
The dance line strut their stuff for the judges during preliminary contests. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)



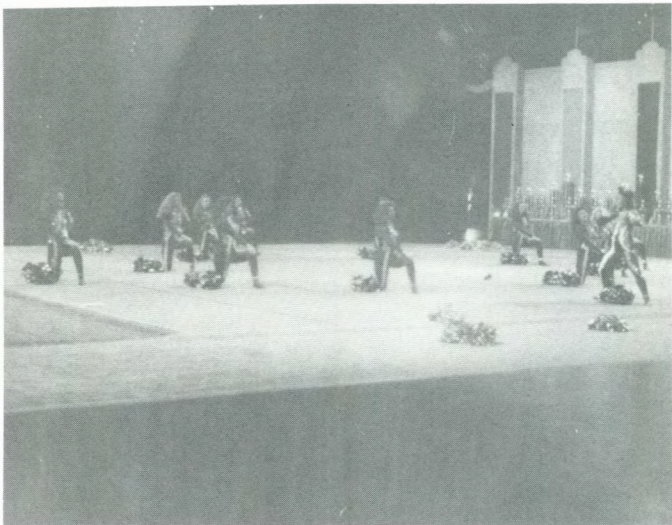
Prior to going to Dallas, Ty Washington, Salina freshman, Dave Pearson, Great Bend sophomore, Dane Martin, Hill City sophomore, and Jason Manrose, Topeka freshman, get ready to catch Lanell Blubaugh, McPherson freshman, from a front layout. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)



The Cougar Danceline displays toe touches in the finals of the NCA championships. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)



Walking into the next formation of their national routine, the dancers show their enthusiasm. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)



Tessa Clarkson, Osawatomie sophomore, expresses an attitude designed for the performance as the other dancers look on. (Photo by Tracy Bergmeier)

Track



Members of the Barton County Community College Women's track team are: First Row: Simone Perkins, Great Bend sophomore; Dana Collins, Milwaukee, Wisc., freshman; Janice Turner, Tralawny, Jamaica, freshman; Sonja Graham, Topeka sophomore; Inez Turner, Tralawny, Jamaica, sophomore; Zilla Higgs, Rochester, N.Y., freshman; Second Row: Falasha Spruiell, Brooklyn, N.Y., freshman; Tiffani Davis, St. Petersburg, Fla., freshman; Icolyn Kelly, St. Andrew, Jamaica, sophomore; Terri Dreiling, Victoria freshman; Mardrea Hyman, Clarendon, Jamaica, sophomore; Third Row: Karen Bennett, St. Catherine, Jamaica, sophomore; Angie Elting, Wichita sophomore; Tahanee Odom, Great Bend sophomore; Michelle Stirrett, Clay Center freshman; Kiecia Webb, Waukegan, Ill., freshman; Tasha Davis, Dallas freshman; Kim Patterson, Dallas freshman.



Members of the Barton County Community College men's track team are: First Row: Richard Kosgei, Kapsabet, Kenya, freshman; Nigel Cosey, Waukegan, Ill., freshman; Ramon Lacey, Great Bend sophomore; Daniel Tuigong, Eldoret, Kenya, sophomore; Second Row: Lamont Leach, Kingston, Jamaica, sophomore; Steve Duren, Great Bend sophomore; Brian Pedigo, Great Bend freshman; Michael Barren, Macon, Ga. freshman; Third Row: Garrett Scott, Dighton freshman; Philip Bryan, Waukegan, Ill., freshman; Tim Kennedy, Satanta freshman; David Evans, Little River freshman; Fourth Row: Eric Logan, Great Bend sophomore; Terrence McCrae, Tescott sophomore; Robert Adams, Detroit, Mich., freshman; Ron Clemmons, Kansas City freshman; Fifth Row: Kevin Penson, Austin, Texas, freshman; Joe Anderson, Lakin sophomore; Adrian Bey, Topeka freshman; Wilson Koech, Indianola, Iowa, sophomore; Ryan Kaberline, Topeka freshman.

Miss Kitty Fay Albers, Grinnell sophomore, Bart Kirk Ives, St. John sophomore, entertain fans at basketball games and help to promote school spirit through out the year. (Photo by Mike Dawes)



Members of the athletic training staff include: First Row: Danielle Freund, Cunningham freshman; Jami Likes, Great Bend sophomore; Annmarie Johnson, Mankato freshman; and Janae Tatkenhorst, Natoma freshman; Second Row: Ryan Bramhall, Frankfort freshman; John Herman, Hays freshman; and Dave Murrow, Blue Mound freshman; Third Row: Garrett Scott, Dighton freshman; Marlene Rich, Topeka sophomore; Jeani Cranford, Wichita sophomore; and Chauncey Frisbee, Larned sophomore; Fourth Row: Jason Florance, Overbrook freshman; Steve Owen, Salina sophomore; Athletic Trainer: Ken Henderson, Pete Manley, Lebanon freshman; and Matt Larsen, Ellsworth freshman.



The members of Barton County Community College Cougarettes are: Jodi Zemanick, Great Bend freshman; Jill Pierson, Topeka freshman; Jenni Otis, Hoisington sophomore; Jennifer Zemanick, Great Bend freshman; Andrea Uhrich, Great Bend sophomore; Michelle Huddleston, Larned sophomore; Jennifer Tabrizi, Great Bend freshman; Heather Brooks, Olathe sophomore; Jenni Peters, Inman sophomore; Michelle Nash, Larned sophomore; Michelle Baker, Great Bend freshman; Heather King, Ellinwood sophomore; Janelle Basgall, Great Bend sophomore; Jodie Boor, Great Bend freshman; Hope Albers, Grinnell freshman.



Members of the Barton County Community College Danceline include: First Row: Julie Keast, Larned freshman; Yvonne Lattimer, Lyons sophomore; Susie Prince, Pratt freshman; Heather Matthews, Dodge City freshman; Second Row: Debbie Miller, Concordia freshman; Tracy Bergmeier, Longford freshman; Kelli Hajek, Marion sophomore; Jusalena Waye, Lyons freshman; Lori Grelk, Junction City sophomore; Stacia Lowrie, Dodge City freshman; Head Coach, Debbie Warren; Assistant Cheer Coach, Joanna Semander; Third Row: Shari Hineman, Hays freshman; Tera Benyshek, Agenda freshman; Jolie Anderson, Clay Center freshman; Tina Marie Azar, Topeka freshman; Jeri Lloyd, Clay Center sophomore; Deanna Rosevelt, Topeka freshman; Michelle Jennings, Salina freshman; Assistant Dance Coach, Dannah Johnson; Fourth Row: Connie Shoemaker, Lyons sophomore; April Peterson, Cawker City freshman; Tera Stuart, Ulysses sophomore; Sara Crow, Salina freshman; Tessa Clarkson, Osawatomie sophomore; Lea Johnson, Gardner sophomore; Vicki Rock, Marquette sophomore; Renee Martin, Hugoton freshman.



Members of the Barton County Community College cheerleaders, yell leaders, and mascots include: First Row: Miss Kitty, Faye Albers, Grinnell sophomore; Lanell Blubaugh, McPherson freshman; Vanessa Smith, Delphos sophomore; Robin Griffey, Ellinwood freshman; Joley Rice, Pratt freshman; Susan Hyson, Wichita freshman; Second Row: Bart, Kirk Ives, St. John sophomore; Dane Martin, Hill City sophomore; Jeremy Keil, Great Bend sophomore; Brian Bailey, Hoisington sophomore; Kevin Norton, McPherson sophomore; Thomas Botzler, McKinleyville, Calif., sophomore; Chad Arthur, Tecumseh freshman; Chad Jerke, Great Bend sophomore; Assistant Coach Dannah Feldman; Third Row: Amy Henriques, Walnut Creek, Calif., freshman; Kristy Vanwinkle, Pawnee Rock freshman; Rhonda Stein, Wright freshman; Beverly Smith, Liberal sophomore; Stacy Anderson, Pratt sophomore; Cassie Wassenberg, Berryton sophomore; Amy Amos, Wichita freshman; Jennifer Kaul, Junction City freshman; Jennifer Navarro, Wichita freshman; Head Coach Debbie Warren; Assistant Coach Joanna Semander; Back Row: Jarrod Carr, Brownell freshman; Tyrone Washington, Salina freshman; Chris Rodriguez, Wichita freshman; Paul Murphy, Toledo, Ohio, freshman; Dave Pearson, Great Bend sophomore; Jason Manrose, Topeka freshman; and Caleb Acree, Washington freshman.



Bill Murry, housing director, participates in intramural activities as another way to get acquainted with the students of BCCC. (Photo by Jill Pierson)

'Papa Smurf': a father away from home

By Lynnette Wilkening

Most of us have heard our parents say "I hope you have 12 kids just like you." Imagine having 250 kids all ranging in age from 18-20

Bill Murry, housing director, acts as the father away from home for the students at Barton County Community College and has become known to some students as "Papa Smurf."

This short statured man can be seen by students every day running all over campus where he is usually picking up on the latest gossip. Murry usually astonishes campus students with his ability to learn all of their names and where they are from within the first week or two of the school year.

Murry moved here in July of 1986 with his wife Sandra and children Billy, Melinda, and Carmen. Since then the Murry's added another child, Milan, to their family in 1987.

Moving from Cook County, Ill., where he worked in law enforcement, Murry said this was never where he saw himself being. According to Murry the move was good because it allowed him to move his family from the big city and put his children in a better environment and it also gave him the chance to start a new career.

Helping out Murry with his duties is Assistant Housing Director Jim Ireland. Murry said this job would be a lot more difficult if it weren't for his wife Sandra and his assistant Ireland.

He also credits his success as housing director to the opportunity of working with great supervisors at BCCC over the years such as President Jimmie Downing, Ph.D., Bob Rumble, former dean of administration and Mary Misegadis, Ph.D., dean of student affairs. He said he appreciated the respect they have for him and in his judgements in handling such a difficult job.

According to Mr. Murry there are many advantages and disadvantages to this job. He sees the economic basis of his job as the most advantageous. He said he likes to be able to learn more about the students and to be there for them when problems occur.

Campus housing allows him to be close to his office. Another advantage to living on campus and working so closely with the students is the respect he receives from them and the close ties he and his family make with students while at BCCC and after they have gone.

However, Murry said there are disadvantages to living on campus such as limited privacy. He is available to anybody 24 hours a day. Murry said the biggest disadvantage was "trying to express to each student that you are generally concerned about them reaching their academic potential, increasing their social values, and hoping they become productive adults in our society."

Murry said he plans to stay at BCCC but he said the future is uncertain. However, he said he never expected to have a job outside of law enforcement.

Barrows teaches survival

By Angela Alvord

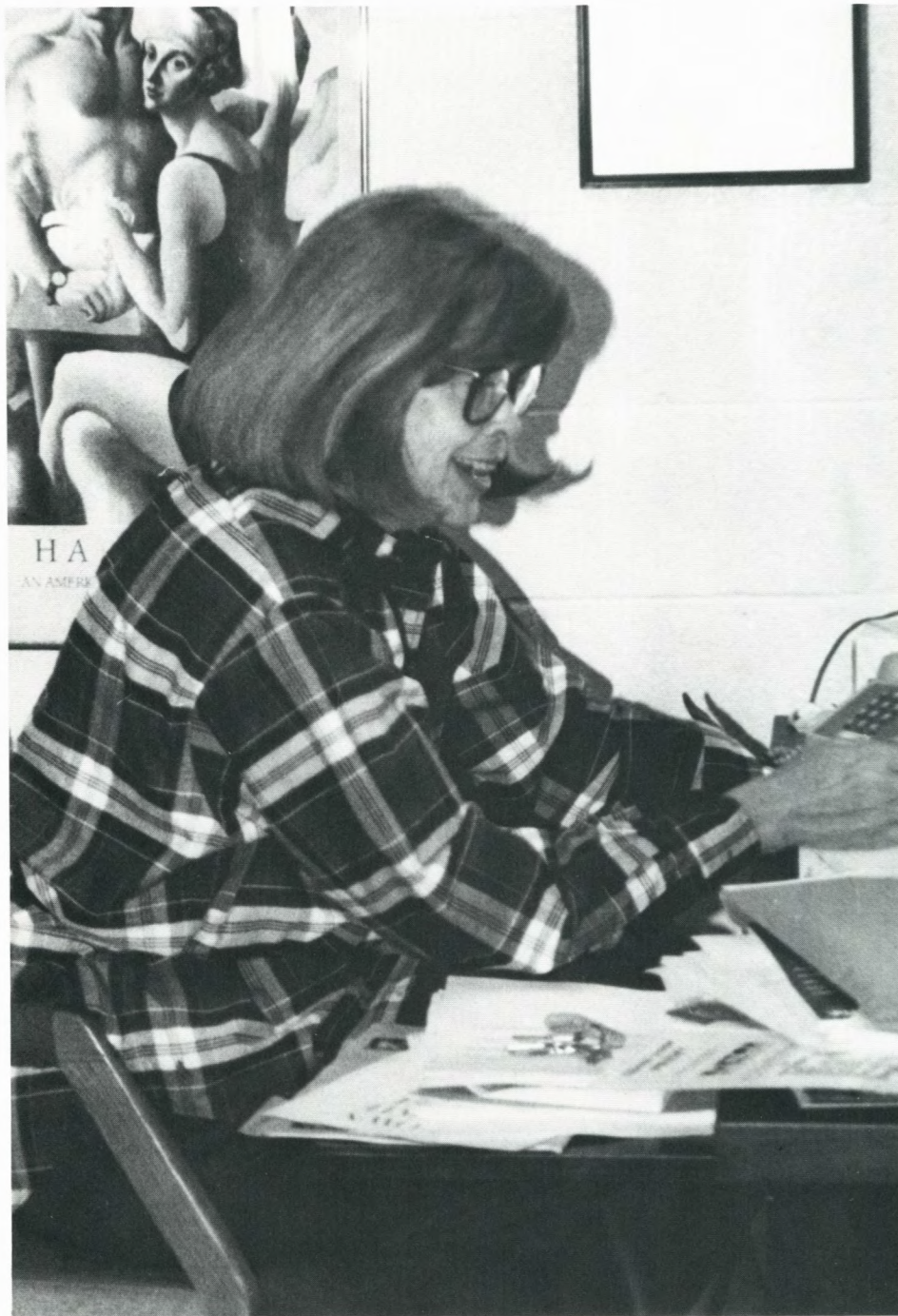
The first day of college finds some students enrolled in English Composition I under Mary Barrows. Her reputation proceeds her as not only one tough cookie, but also as an excellent English instructor.

Born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, as an only child, Barrows worked through high school and college as a lifeguard. Thus her reputation in her ability to save 'drowning' students at BCCC.

Barrows teaches her students to think and to write opinionated. Ambiguous, responsibility, and opinionation represent words that she repeatedly drills into her students.

While her job at BCCC is as an instructor, she still finds time to be an adviser to education majors, supervise the Phi Theta Kappa, and time to listen to her students.

While some students dread enrolling in her classes, at the end of the semester they leave her classroom not only knowing how to write at the college level, but also how to survive at the college level.



English Instructor Mary Barrows reads through final papers in her office at the end of the semester. (Photo by Jennifer Stewart)

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Staff



BCCC Staff members working in the library include: Back Row: Lisa Reed, Sande Yentes, Nacy Wellman, Debbie Diercks, Carol Dellinger, Larkin Birdow, Nellene Kenyon, Front Row: Jan Felton, and Sandra Murry.



Staff Members working in the Student Affairs Office include: Front Row: Shellie Thill, Myrna Perkins, Diane Beck, Middle Row: Tami Huck, Back Row: Lori Crouther, Beth Foster, Bill Murry, and Jim Ireland.



Dee Ann Smith works as Student Activities Coordinator in the Union.



Staff Members in the Continuing Education Office include Front Row: Jim Ness, Ph.D.; Jean Flagor; Kim Hoffman; Fawnia Miller; Lorna McFarren; Jamie Dannebohm and Jill Orth. Back Row: Marvin Bahr; Bruce Sloan; Lois Johnson; David Lake and Jan Bonine. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Staff members working in the P.E. Building include: Dana Foss and Joyce Niederee.



Members of the food service staff include First Row: Lucinda Schukman; Primitive Guerra; Mae Smith; Maria Zamora; Rita Schartz and Chris Ellis. Second Row: Betty Link; Lisa Dumas; Francis Keyes; Rose Herran; Cecelia Trantham, administrative assistant; and Karl Sprague, food service director.



Housing Office employees are Bill Murry, Jim Ireland, Louis Pivonka and Cassy Smith.



Members of BCCC Newman Club include Front Row: Stacy Prosser, Lori Jellison and Carey Burton. Back Row: Debra Steiner, Bernetta Wondra, Tami Ehrlich and Jessica Gean. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Pat Bauman serves as Director of Evening and Summer Programs.



Members of the Business and Professional Association (BPA) include: Front Row Renee McVay, Vicki Keffer, Delores Harren, Misty Simms and Lorraine Stern. Middle Row: Kristy Gerhardt, Montrue Barron, June Garrett and Mary Doyle. Back Row: Donna McCormick, Carol Van Cleve, Betty Reed, Jenni Otis and Jo Sherman. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



BCCC Bookstore employees are Nancy Jenisch and Connie Kerns.



"Bookie" Wolff works as a campus security guard at Barton County Community College.

Donna Staab is an Education Specialist in Nursing Continuing Education.



Staff members working on the LEAD Program include Karla Taylor, Cindy Luxem, Gayle Edwards and Melody McKown.



Maintenance Employees are First Row: Karen Smith, Barbara Gregory, Donna Burns, Yvonne Nordman, Vicki McFrederick, Julia Clemmons, Charlie Jeroue, Jerry Trester, Bernice Petz, Judy Mason Edna Nuss, Hank Decker and Mary Tudor. Second Row: Kay Wondra, Jerry Menges, Jim Rogers, Patty Kalberloh, Chris Boger, Lynn Chestnut, Marrk Dean and Doug Kizer. Third Row: Paul Tschoopp, Paul Fads, Dale Hardig, Larry Gail, Jack Love and Rocky Mitner. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Staff members who work in Computer Services include Dave Hill, LaVonne Gerritzen, Charles Perkins and Jim Graham. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Staff Members in the Science and Math Building include Front Row: Kim Kummer. Back Row: Karen Eeles, Phil Grossardt, Janet Kirmer, Jerry Minix and Elaine Simmons. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Evelyn Appel works as a secretary in the Fine Arts Building.



Business Office employees are Back Row: Terry Barrow, Jeanette Allen, Linda Haberman, Barbara Jo Bell, Wilma Larsen, Deanna Brandenburg and Ron Vratil. Front Row: Nancy Mortimer, Pat Haberman and Julie Knoblich. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Dwight Nicolet sorts campus mail for distribution.



Employees of the Registrar's Office are Back Row: Marlene Clayton, Tracy Beary, Lois Dean, Lynn Schneider, and Jeanette Allen. Front Row: Rosalie Pennington. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Communications Staff Members include Back Row: Mark Adams, Dick Wade and Brad Vacura. Front Row: Mike Dawes and Mary Smolik.



Library employees are Dennis Hertel, Connie Hoss, Sharon Sturgis and Mary Frances Hogg. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



BCCC Staff Members who work in the print shop include Lana Besthorn, Jolene Hill, Matt Bailey and Rod Knoblich. (Photo by Shala Herberholz)



Lou Jean Wolff is the faculty secretary in the Science and Math Building.



Chorus

Jennifer Harron, Hoisington
Connie Helm, Great Bend
Ken Larson, Great Bend
Norbert Muth, Great Bend

Debra Noffsinger, Great Bend
Margaret Pfortmiller, Great Bend
Judy Rusco, Great Bend
Brandon Traffas, Sharon sophomore
John Sturn, Ellinwood
Randy Allen, psychology instructor
Lanara Luthi, journalism instructor
Lee Frye, coordinator of occupational therapy
Sharon Sturgis, director of library services

Aaron Lake as the prince hopes to marry the princess played by Christina Arasmith. (Photo by Jennifer Stewart)



Orchestra

Flute	Ellen Kampfe, Claflin
Oboe	Christine Simmons, Hoisington
Clarinet.....	Sharon Custer, Hoisington
Bass Clarinet	Brenda Rohr, Macksville
Trumpet	Bill Orth, Kinsley
	Debra Steiner, Great Bend
Trombone.....	Jeff Underwood, Great Bend
Horn	George Strobel, Larned
Percussion.....	Kurt Koch, Great Bend
Violin.....	Eleanor Ramsey, Great Bend
	Grace Sturtz, Ellinwood
	Ella Dunegan, Great Bend
Viola.....	Ruth Carey, Ellinwood
Cello.....	Bob Marqueling, Great Bend
Bass	Mike Johnson, Great Bend
Synthesizer	Ann Reitcheck, Hoisington
Guitar	Jay Vratil, Great Bend



Charla Schleve and Nate Lane discuss a way to escape from the palace. (Photo by Jennifer Stewart)



John Sturn catches Jennifer Harron at the end of the “Spanish Panic.” The purpose of the dance is to tire Winnifred so she cannot pass the princess test. (Photo by Jennifer Stewart)

Production Crew

Technical Director.....	Bob Loss
Stage Manager.....	Tyler Allen, Tipton freshman
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Sherrie Miller, Ellinwood
Costumer.....	Marilyn Loss, Great Bend
House Manager.....	Evelyn Appel, Great Bend
Sound.....	Shala Herberholz, Beloit freshman
Lighting.....	Jason Barrett, Oberlin freshman
Scene Design.....	Stage Craft Class
	Jason Barrett,
	Raymond Sidman, Great Bend freshman
	Chie Miyahara, Ujo-City Kyoto, Japan, freshman
	Mayumi Mori, Saitama-ken, Japan, freshman
	Anna Sprier, Rozel freshman
Building Crew.....	Play Production Class
	Joseph Anderson, Great Bend freshman,
	Andre Burnside, Kansas City sophomore,
	Vicky Chambers, Bison sophomore,
	Tasha Davis, Dallas freshman,
	William Dunn, Lyons freshman,
	Linda Eades, Lyons sophomore,
	Derwin Good, Detroit sophomore,
	Ivan Jeanmarie, Great Bend sophomore,
	Ramon Lacey, Great Bend sophomore,
	Eric Logan, Great Bend sophomore,
	Brenda Weigel, Bison freshman
Make-up.....	Linda Eades & William Dunn
Poster/Program Design.....	Steve Dudek, art instructor
Properties.....	Stage Craft Class
Ushers.....	Student Ambassadors & Hilltop Singers

Cast

Minstrell.....	Clay Boepple, Ellinwood sophomore
Princess No.12/Wench	Sara Crow, Salina freshman
Wizard.....	Charles Bland, Great Bend
Lady Larken.....	Charla Schleve, Great Bend sophomore
Queen Aggravain	Myrna Holthaus, Great Bend
Prince Dauntless.....	Aaron Lake, Salina sophomore
King Sextimus	David Lake, director of continuing ed.
Jester	Nate Lane, Larned freshman
Sir Studley	Erich Holthaus, Great Bend sophomore
Sir Luce.....	Joshua Wagner, Hoisington
1st Knight.....	Jamme Loss, Great Bend
2nd Knight.....	Greg Holthaus, Great Bend
3rd Knight.....	David Murrow, Blue Mound freshman
Lady in Waiting	Rebecca Pfortmiller, Great Bend
Lady in Waiting	Michelle Lutz, Great Bend sophomore
Lady in Waiting	Jennifer Landers, Otis
Sir Harry	Eric Haselhorst, Great Bend sophomore
Winnifred.....	Christina Arasmith, Topeka sophomore
Lady Mabelle.....	Julia Miller, Ellinwood
Wench.....	Megan Helm, Great Bend

College presents fairy tale musical

By Alison Madden

Ice, Snow, Cold, Illness, School Functions, Emergencies.
The show must go on.

Despite canceled rehearsals and other problems which caused cast and crew absences, the curtain went up for the first audience March 4 and continued through March 6.

"Once Upon a Mattress," a musical by Mary Rodgers and Mashall Barer, played for three nights in the BCCC auditorium. It is a musical based on the fairy tale "The Princess and The Pea."

Bob Loss, drama instructor, directed the annual spring musical. Lori Johnson, vocal instructor, served as choreographer and vocal director. Brian Coyle directed the orchestra.

Area High school students, community residents, college students, and teachers participated in this year's musical.

"I love them. It's fun. I do them almost every year," Margaret Pfortmiller, Great Bend, said.

Myrna Holthous, Great Bend, said she enjoyed working in the musical, but the hardest part for her was "memorizing the 'Mamalogue.' [a lengthy speech made by the mother of the prince]."

"It was a lot of hard work but worth it in the end," Charla Schleve, Great Bend sophomore, said.

The setting was a medieval castle requiring 18 scene changes and 40 different costumes. The large castle walls which looked as if they were made of stone, were moved smoothly back and forth by cast and crew members. Marilyn Loss, Great Bend, spent many hours in the costume shop working on the long dresses, coats and capes for the chorus members. Additional costumes were rented for the principal players.

Several of the men said they felt uncomfortable wearing tights and make-up. "I don't like to wear eyeliner. I don't like dancing with the crotch [of the tights] around my knees. But I like being on stage." David Murrow, Blue Mound freshman, said.

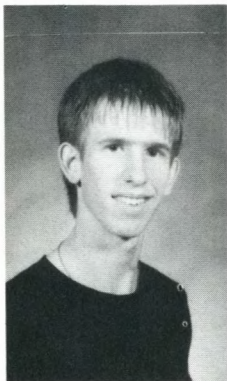
One of BCCCs students, Shala Herberholz, Beloit freshman, who was scheduled to handle the sound for the musical, collapsed and died of Marfan's syndrome, as she walked to class Feb. 25, six days before opening night. Her death shocked and saddened the cast and crew members.

Despite the sadness felt at the death of a fellow crew member, the musical participants worked together to provide an evening of quality entertainment for their audience.



I have really enjoyed attending Barton County Community College. The small college atmosphere has provided me with a sense of personal belonging that most universities find hard to accomplish. I feel that BCCC has prepared me for next year at Emporia State University where I will get my degree in elementary education and special education.

Traci R. Atteberry
Claflin sophomore



The college experience is different and unique at each institution. Barton County is one I enjoyed and I actually learned something. The college and its staff have adequately prepared me for moving on to a four-year school, which I am doing after my graduation this spring.

I do believe the faculty lived up to its promises to be about educating me. However, while I did enjoy my two years here, I am more than ready to move on with my life at a four-year school.

Ray Sidman
Great Bend sophomore

Students check goals upon graduation

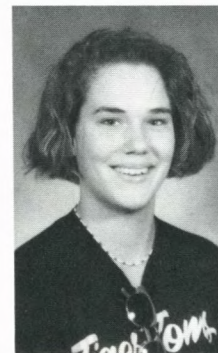
By Nicki Duncan

There are many things that come to mind when I think about the time that I have spent here at BCCC. Not only am I constantly reminded how windy it is, but also the idea of being secluded on top of a hill five miles away from the nearest town.

I do occasionally think about the good times I have had here. I was brought to BCCC through the athletics program which gave me a great

and live with people from all walks of life and cultures to me would have to be the single most growth giving aspect of being a student here.

I am not saying that I don't appreciate or enjoy the parties at the "Bottoms," or the spur of the moment road trip



Nicki Duncan
Omaha, Neb., sophomore

to Hays or various other destinations on the map, but the friends and relationships that I have made here with students and faculty

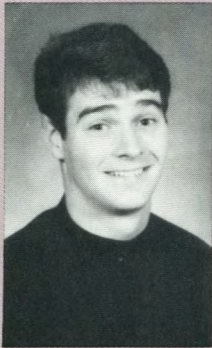
opportunity to be introduced and to be involved with a teamful of friends right off the bat.

I not only had my teammates, but living on campus gave me an abrupt overview of how diverse this college actually was. Being able to meet

weigh heaviest in my mind.

So before telling any young person inquiring about BCCC that this place stinks because of the weather or the wind, think hard for a moment and remember the parties, the crazy people and the good times.

Promises, Promises



"When I came to Barton, I was expecting smaller classes and more one-on-one time with teachers. I feel I have gotten a better education because of it.

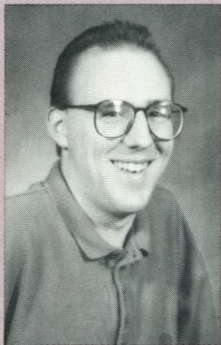
"I promised myself when I came back this time, I was going to do my best and so far it is paying off."

Ed Witte
Great Bend sophomore



I really enjoy going to school at Barton County. Everyone here is so friendly. I've met a lot of new people and have gained friendships that will last forever.

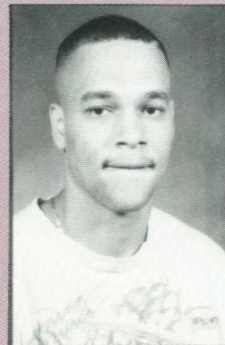
Michelle Nash
Larned sophomore



"When I came to BCCC, I promised myself I would take my education seriously. I knew that my academic performance here would have an impact on my entire education.

I think BCCC promised me I would receive a quality education, and I feel it kept its promise."

Jason Bunselmeyer
Great Bend sophomore



"Coming to Barton County was a success for me as a student and athlete. Something I wanted to get out of attending was just a way to make a passage for me to go on to the next level of education. It opened big door for me and that is why I'm receiving my Associate of Arts degree."

Andre Burnside
Kansas City sophomore



Marfan's syndrom takes life of student yearbook photographer

This issue of the Spoke is dedicated to the memory of Shala Herberholz. She served as the photographer for the magazine from August 1992 until her death Feb. 25, 1993. The staff members of the magazine were aware, since Shala became a staff member, that she suffered from a disease called Marfan's syndrome. She explained that the disease is hereditary and affects the heart and other internal organs. She did not seem to let the disease control her life. Consequently people did not realize how ill she was. She persevered with her schoolwork and college activities, working with the college theater productions and journalism. At times her life was interspersed with bouts of pain and hospitalization.

Although she faced the constant possibility of major surgery, she kept a positive outlook on her condition. She seemed to want to live her life to the fullest. She made friends easily and had a lively personality.

At the time of her death, Shala was working to finish a photo deadline for the Spoke. She had been working hard to get pictures of as many college employees as possible. Because she had worked so diligently at this task, the job of picking up where she had stopped was made easier.

Shala will always be remembered by her friends and by those who came in contact with her as a friendly, vivacious person who was willing to help out whenever she was needed.

Shala was a good friend. She is missed.



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